

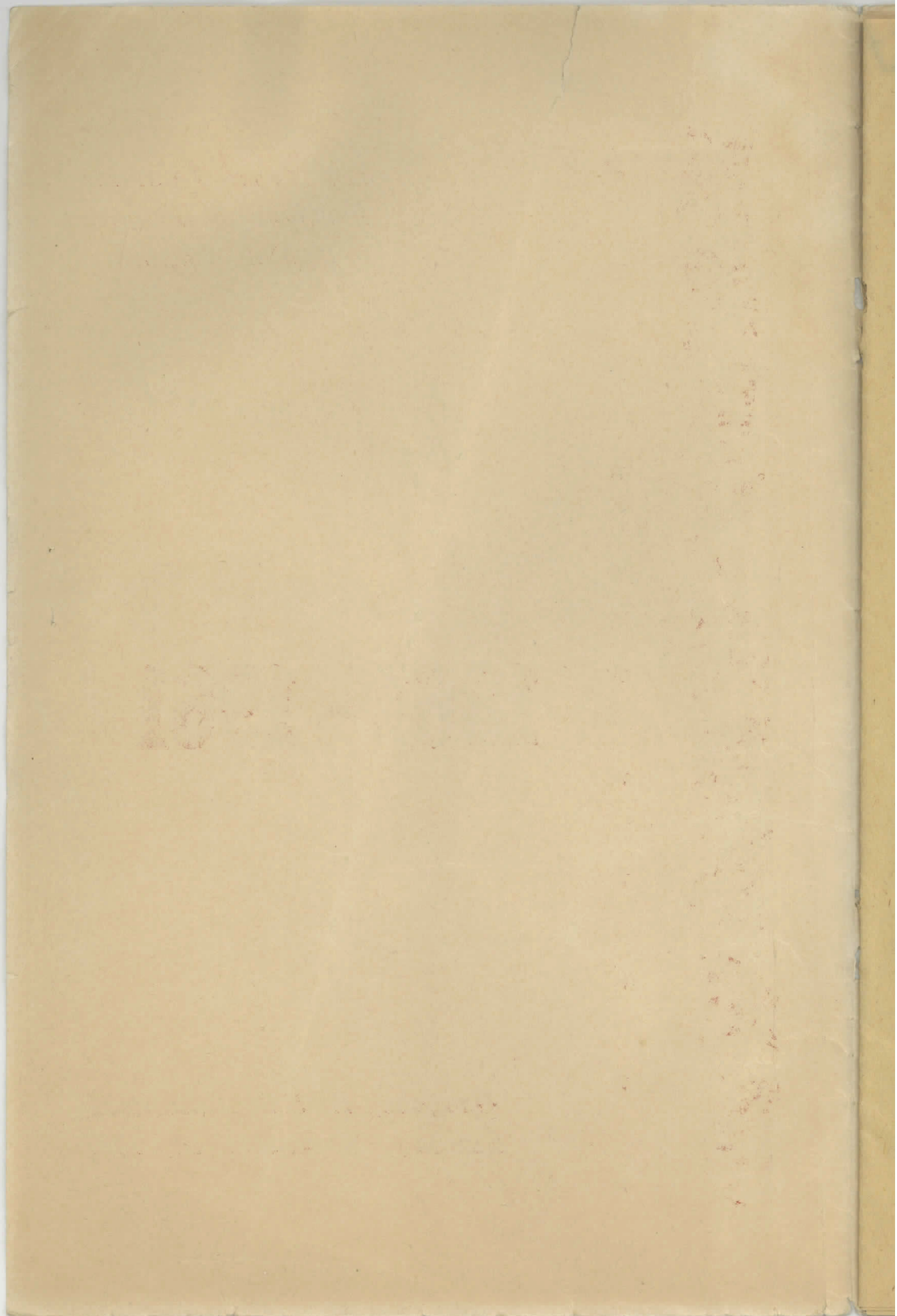


*100 Years Customs
Service at Osoyoos
British Columbia*

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1861 - 1961

*Osoyoos, British Columbia,
Sunday, November 26, 1961*



Programme at the Border - - 2:00 p.m.

O Canada	Southern Okanagan High School Band
American Anthem	Oroville High School Band
Opening Remarks	F.B. Van Duzee, M.C. Chairman Osoyoos Board of Commissioners
Invocation	Rev. A.C. Ripley
Address of Welcome	Stan Stodola President, Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce
Introduction of Honoured Guests	Dr. Bill Granger Chairman, Border Centennial Celebration
Greetings from Associated Boards	Hugh Fitzpatrick President for Okanagan Boundary
Message of the future	Tom Buckmiller, President Oroville Student's Council Nancy Gadberry, Contemporary World Problems Class
Response from South Okanagan High School	Colin Gableman Exchange of Friendship Tokens by Canadian Girl Guides and American Girl Scouts
Remarks from Federal Representative	David Pugh, MP Okanagan-Boundary
Message by U.S. Representative	L. Peterson U.S. Customs Collector
Greetings from B.C. Government	Hon. Frank Richter, MLA Minister of Agriculture
Historical Background	Frank McDonald, President Okanagan Historical Society
Messages and Acknowledgements	Dr. W.L. Granger SOHS Drill Team 1:45 to 2:00 p.m.
Honour Guard by Canadian and American Boy Scouts	Colour Parties from Canadian and American Legion
Cod Bless America	The Queen

Programme following - - Osoyoos Community Hall

Historical Displays	Band Concerts	Free Reception
Centennial Cake Cutting Ceremony		
Vintage and New Cars and Implements		

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Osoyoos Border Centennial — 1861 — 1961

John C Haynes First Customs Officer At Osoyoos - - - 1861

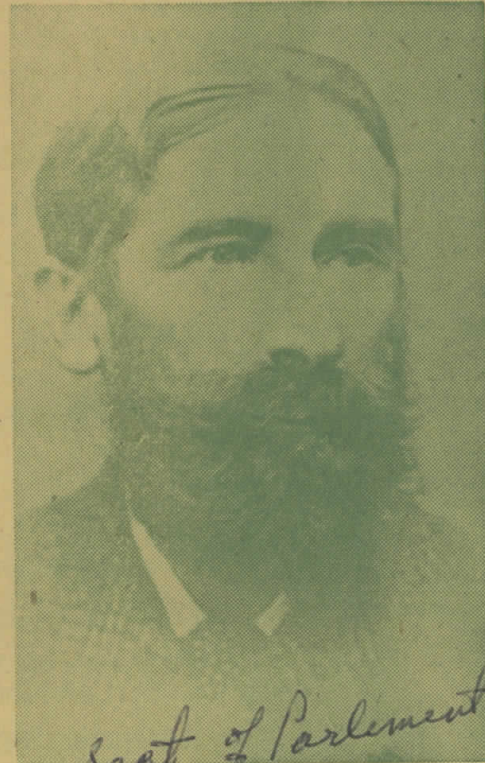
With the discovery of gold on the Similkameen and at Rock Creek miners flocked to these areas. Gov. Douglas visited Rock Creek in 1860 and appointed W G Cox as Justice of the Peace and Gold Commissioner. The same year Haynes was sent to Rock Creek to assist Cox as deputy collector of Customs.

In 1860 a Customs house was established on the lower Similkameen on what is now the Max Kohler property with Haynes in charge. The station was transferred to the head of Osoyoos lake in 1861. Cox was transferred elsewhere and Haynes was put in charge of the whole district which included the Okanagan Similkameen and Rock Creek area.

During the 60's Osoyoos was the junction for all the main trails and routes. There were trails from the south on both sides of the lake that led north to trails on both sides of Okanagan Lake leading into Kamloops and Caribou country. The Dewdney Trail from Hope to the Kootenays crossed the narrows at Osoyoos.

In 1888 while returning from a business trip to Victoria and accompanied by his sons Val and Fairfax, he was suddenly stricken at the Allison Ranch at Princeton and before the nearest Doctor could be called (Dr Chipps at Nicola), Haynes had passed away on his 57th birthday, July 6th.

When the Osoyoos Customs office was first established here in 1861 with Judge John C Hay-



nes in charge it was an outpost of the port of New Westminster. In those days import duties were levied on the large herds of cattle, horses, sheep and mules at six dollars a head, thus bringing considerable revenue from the Osoyoos port. Nearly fifteen thousand of these animals were cleared the first three years of the Custom's history. These were the peak years for importation of livestock on which duty was paid, as for a time the Canadian Mines were the chief and only market for the animals that came from Yakima down the Brigade Trail to the Caribou Mines. Later a sum of \$5,000 duty was collected on Judge Haynes' beef cattle which were sold to Willis Clark of Yakima, Washington.



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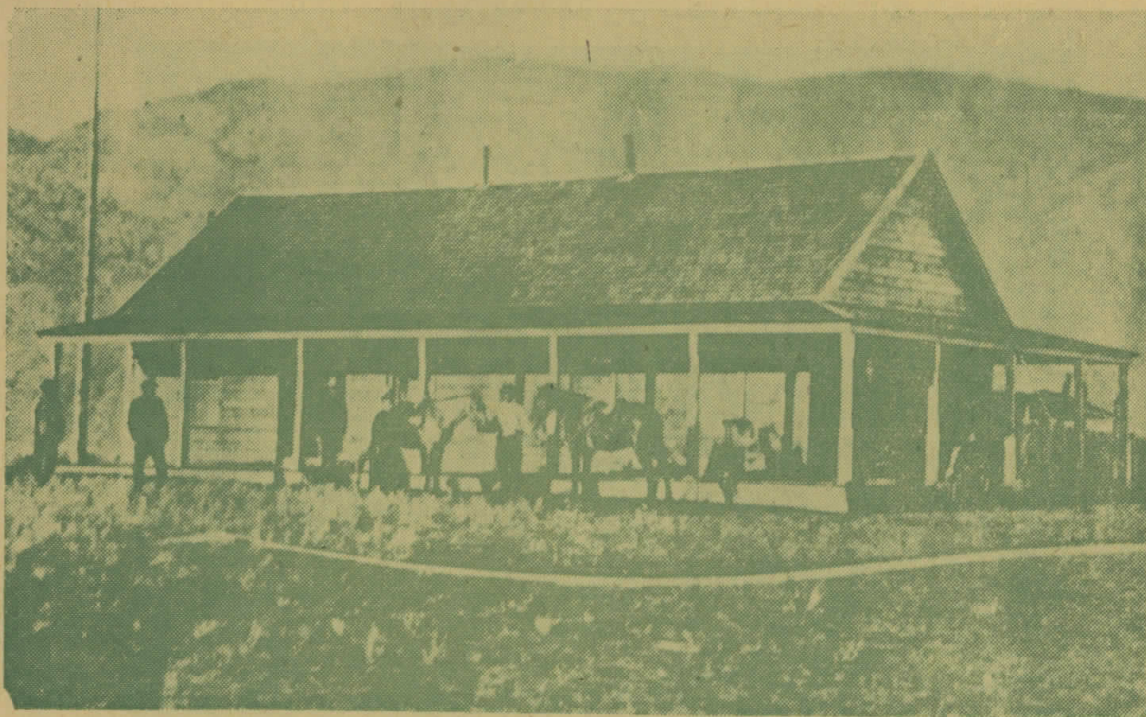
Marker On The Site Of The First Osoyoos Customs House Erected In 1957

There is no picture available of the first Customs house built in Osoyoos, sometimes in 1861. This first building was about 2½ miles north of the present village site, on high ground, overlooking Osoyoos Lake. A suitable marker has been erected to mark the spot. The stone monument was erected and dedicated in July of

1957.

Present at the ceremony were four children of the first customs officer, John Carmicheal Haynes: Val Haynes, Will Haynes, Mrs Hester White and Mrs Irene Parkinson. Another member of the family, Mrs Susan Gardom was unable to attend.

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Earliest Available Picture Of Osoyoos Customs House In Use About 1865

The earliest picture of a Customs house in Osoyoos is this one which was built in 1865. It was located one-quarter mile west of the "Narrows" where the bridge now is. It was referred to as the "enlarged customs building" and included two cells. From its appearance, it was a good sized building.

Then in 1874 another building was provided, this time further away from the bridge, along what is now Highway 97 and

about where the B-A service station is now located.

There is no pictorial record of this building. It was considerably larger, and with improved living quarters.

According to information available, this building burned down in 1878 and the "Haynes family was forced to move back to the former buildings until the Judge (then customs collector), built a home on the east side of the lake. They moved there in 1882"



Customs Building Built Between 1903 and 1905

This is the second oldest picture of the Osoyoos Customs houses that appears to be in existence. From records that have been used to compile the history, it was built between 1903 and 1905. It would appear that G S Jermyn was the collector in charge to begin with.

The building was located on a knoll of ground just west of the Osoyoos Lake bridge. The exact location would be about where Schiller's Fruit Stand is now located.

List of Osoyoos Customs Collectors 1861 to 1961

Beginning with John Carmichael Haynes in 1861, there have been many collectors of customs at the Osoyoos port. When Judge Haynes first came here, British Columbia was a crown colony. In 1872 it became part of Canada and records began there.

Judge Haynes served from 1861 until 1888.

From 1888 to 1890 William Jones of Grand Forks was in charge.

From 1890 to 1900 Theodore Kruger was the collector. In the first two years this was on a 10% commission basis of duty collected.

From 1900 to 1902 C Pittendrigh was collector, to be followed by J Love for two years.

D Corestine was sub-collector in 1904 until 1905 when G S Jermyn took over for two months, to be followed again by Corestine and back to Jermyn until 1918.

Next came H G Neelands who served until 1928 when D P Simpson was appointed.

Mr Simpson served for 30 years, to retire in 1958.

He was followed by Andrew McLean who served only a few months, after which time Jack Shaw was acting collector.

The present collector of customs, Joe Brogan, came to the Osoyoos port in December of 1959.



Customs Building At Osoyoos Port In Use from 1930 until 1952

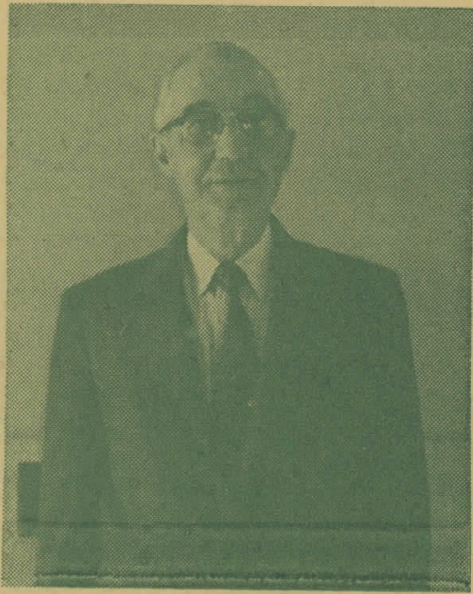
This is one of the Customs buildings to serve the Osoyoos port of entry. It was built in 1930 and was the first customs building at the border. Location was along Highway 97 near the present entrance.

This building served the purpose from 1930 until 1952 when the present new quarters were provided. D P Simpson was in charge during its years, and it was in this period that traffic saw the greatest increase, a growth which led to the establishment of the larger port buildings.

The Immigration Department opened here in 1929 and later used this building. F W Avauche, Eric Sillett, Earl Mather (acting), Gerry Douglas, George Hope (acting), and the incumbent immigration officer in charge, Tom Barton, saw service in this particular building.

The Customs cash book for Osoyoos shows a total of 132 settlers and families coming from July 15, 1890 to September 30, 1896 bringing with them 1555 horses, 12,593 sheep, 37 mules, 183 cattle and 5 pigs. The duty collected was \$15,995.46.

The Osoyoos Custom's port was an outport of Grand Forks, Greenwood and Penticton, following New Westminster before it was raised to the status of port in 1948. In the year 1949 ten officers of the Government Civil Service Department manned the port when a total of 102,602 vehicles were checked through. In comparison in 1957 23 officers, 15 customs and 8 immigration, were in charge when 243,632 vehicles were registered. The value of export goods exceeded the two million dollar mark in 1952.



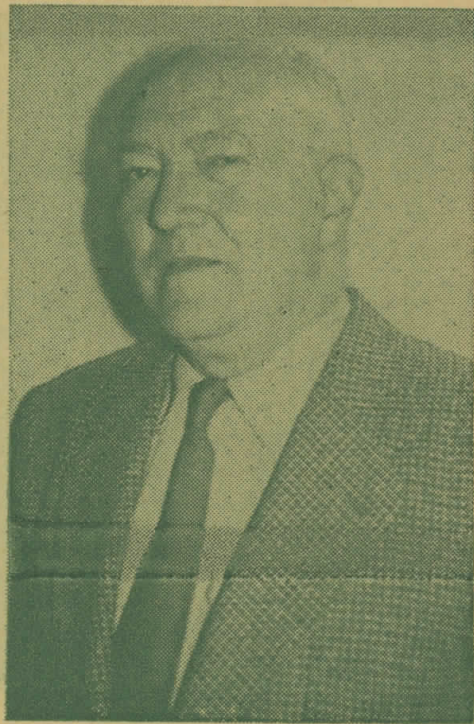
Served 30 Years As Osoyoos Customs Collector

The man who served the Customs Port of Osoyoos for the longest period of time, and saw the greatest changes take place, is D Perley Simpson. He assumed the position in 1928 and retired in 1957.

When Mr Simpson came here in 1928, the port was a one-man operation on a one-shift basis. It was located at the Osoyoos Lake bridge. When he retired in 1957, the port had 16 customs officers seven immigration officials, was open 24 hours a day, and had moved twice, the last time into the modern quarters we see today.

He recalls days when it was unusual to see half a dozen cars a day cleared at the port. In 1957 the average daily crossings for the month of August were 1530 cars.

Since retiring Mr Simpson has continued to live in Osoyoos.



Present Deputy Customs Collector at Oroville

In charge at the Oroville port of entry is Joseph Schneider, who is the deputy collector of customs for this region. He has been in this post for the past nine years.

Formerly at Blaine and Seattle, Mr Schneider has been with the customs department in the United States for 20 years.

Originally the clearing of customs for Oroville was handled through Port Townsend at the coast. In 1869 the port was moved to Oroville, and for many years was right in the city. The last location was where today is George's Variety Store.

The present buildings at the port were erected in 1932. There are five customs officers and four immigration men at the Oroville counterpart of the Osoyoos-Oroville port of entry.



Joe Brogan Is Present Customs Collector

Collector of Customs at Osoyoos at the present time is Joe Brogan who took the position over in December of 1959.

Mr Brogan is nearing 25 years of service as a collector of customs. He started at Kingsgate in 1937 where he remained for 19 years. From there he went to Vernon for 3½ years before coming to Osoyoos to take on duties after acting collector Jack Shaw.



McLean Customs Collector Very Briefly

A recent customs collector at the Osoyoos port is Andrew J McLean. He took over on December 1st, 1957 upon the retirement of D P Simpson. Previous to coming to Osoyoos, he had served for many years at Cascade.

Starting in customs service in Kamloops in 1925, he moved to Revelstoke and then to Cascade in 1929 where he remained until coming to Osoyoos.

Mr McLean retired due to poor health in August and Jack Shaw was named as acting collector.

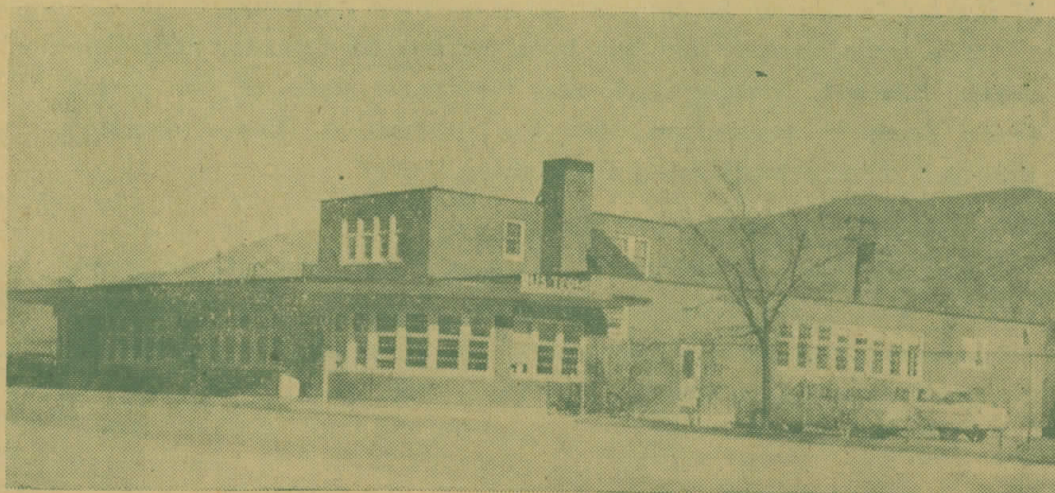


Osoyoos Customs, Immigration and Warehouse Buildings at the Osoyoos Port of Entry, 1961

It was in 1952 that the present spacious and modern buildings at the Osoyoos port of entry were opened.

There are two large buildings in the present Customs set-up. The one on the west is used exclusively for touring or passenger cars with traffic lanes on both sides of the building; one

side for incoming the other for outgoing cars. The building on the east side caters to busses and trucks. Search rooms, cells with iron barred windows, warehouse space and a theft proof room for storage of seized goods makes up the total floor space of 12,032 square feet.





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SPLENDID CO-OPERATION KEYNOTE OF CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

One of the most outstanding aspects of the Osoyoos Border Centennial Celebration is the wholehearted support and co-operation that is being received from many quarters. The celebration is stressing the 100 years of peace and co-operation between Canada and the United States, and the manner in which the people from across the line have come into the celebration plans is in keeping with this thought.

The international flavour is there, and the people from south of the border should be complimented on their response.

The same co-operation has been received in Canada, with Penticton, Rutland, Summerland, and Westbank some of the places heard from in connection with the celebration. The Associated Boards too have been doing their share.

And right at home, the same co-operation prevails, with the village council, the business places, organizations and individuals pitching right in on very short notice, to do a bang up job for the Border Centennial on Sunday, November 26th.

Events Leading Up to Osoyoos Border Centennial Celebration On November 26, 1961

A ceremony to mark one hundred years of customs service at the port of Osoyoos will be held on Sunday, November 26th. This will take place at the border in sight of the Osoyoos-Oroville port of entry, on the Canadian side. The official ceremonies will get underway at 2:00 pm.

This observance will mark the centennial of one of British Columbia's earliest ports. It was in 1861 that John C Haynes came to Osoyoos to open the first customs office.

The Border Centennial Celebration is being spearheaded by the Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce with Dr Bill Granger as the chairman. The Okanagan Boundary Associated Boards of Trade as well as the Oroville, Wahington, Chamber of Commerce, are backing the event in various ways.

To act as master of ceremonies for the ceremony, the committee has selected chairman of the Osoyoos Board of Commissioners, F B Van Duzee. Invocation will be given by Rev Ripley of Oliver, while the address of welcome will be made by Stan Stodola, chairman of the Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce. Guests will be introduced by Dr Granger.

Among guests that have already accepted an invitation to attend will be David Pugh, MP for Okanagan Boundary; Hugh Fitzpatrick, president of the Okanagan Boundary Boards of Trade; L Petersen of Seattle, Collector of U S Customs; Mayor Del Black of Oroville; Mayor Charles Oliver of Penticton; Herb Geddes, president of the

Penticton Chamber of Commerce; Joe Brogan, Osoyoos Customs Collector; Joseph Schneider, Oroville Customs collector; D P Simpson, former Osoyoos collector; Frank McDonald, president of the Okanagan Historical Society; A Koon, US as't collector

Students from the Southern Okanagan High School and the Oroville High School will present speeches.

The SOHS drill team will perform at the border from 1:45 to 2:00 pm. and the Oroville High band will play. Both will later perform at the community Hall. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from both countries will attend, as well as color parties from the US and Canadian Legions.

Official host and hostess will be Mrs H Pendergraft and Cecil Cope who were the B C Centennial year royalty in Osoyoos.

Following the ceremony at the border, the event moves into the Osoyoos Community Hall for the reception where coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and doughnuts will be served to the guests. The cutting of the Centennial Cake will take place, with Mrs Ed Lacey, historian, to do the honours along with other old timers.

The huge centennial cake was provided for the celebration by the Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce.

A historical display has been set up in the Community Hall and will include many items showing the early history of the region. Outside there will be a display of old as well as new cars and implements.

Executive Osoyoos Border Centennial Committee

The Osoyoos Border Centennial Celebration has been carried out under the auspices of the Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce, with support from the members of the Okanagan Bunday Associated Boards of Trade.

Dr. W.L. "Bill" Granger Chairman

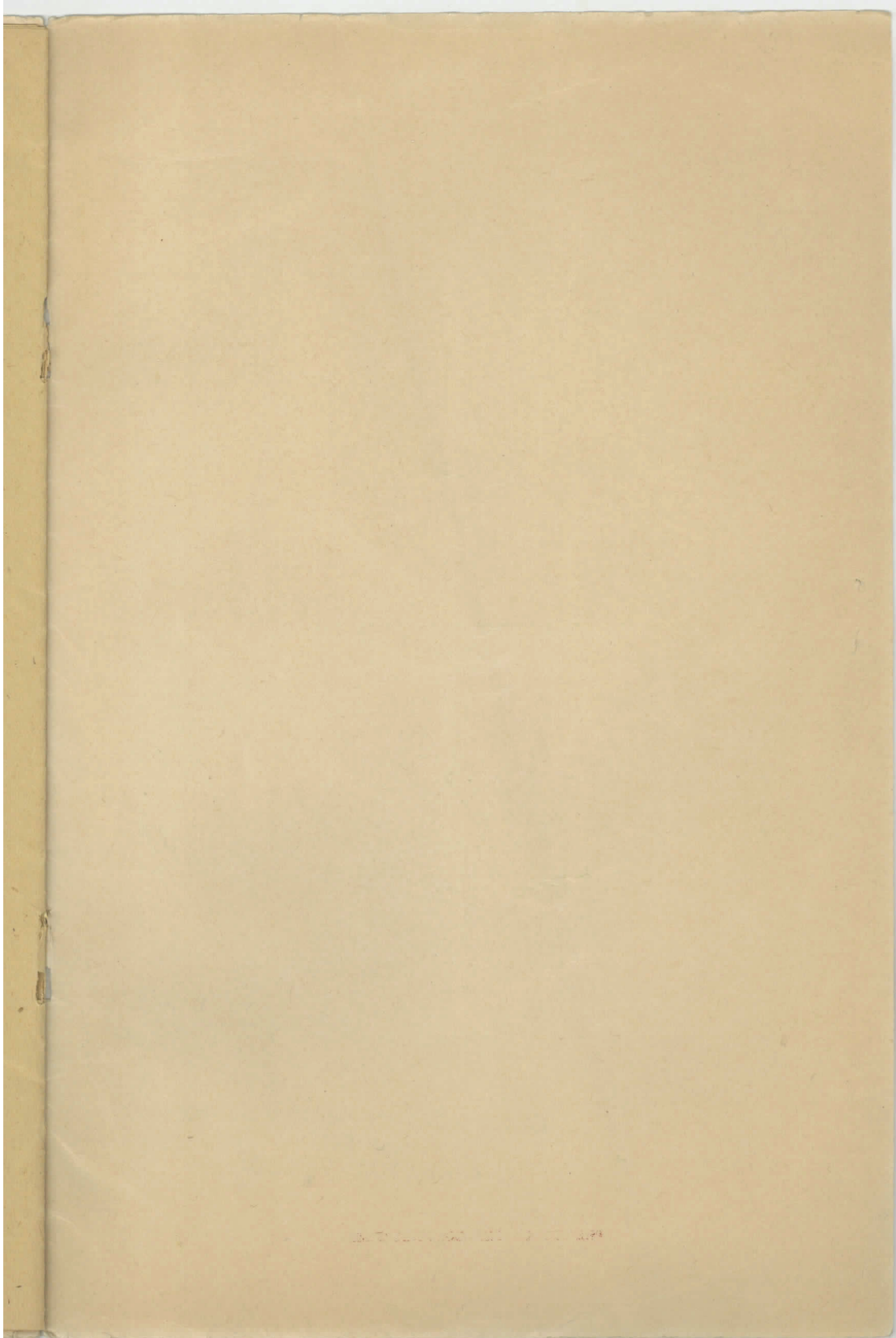
Stan Stodola Vice-Chairman

Executive members — Mrs Fred Schiller, Mrs Stan Stodola, Mrs Ed Lacey Sr.

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